

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Here we are . . . one month already gone in 2010! What did you resolve to change this year? Stewardship calls us to change the way we think about who we are and what we possess. What change in our life is God calling you to? Is it maybe to spend more time in prayer; or feeling a need to share more of your financial blessings; or maybe a greater desire to use your gifts of time and talent in service to others?

Stewardship Live It!

From the Music Director . . .

It's a New Year! Why not join a choir or music group this year? We have a great need for men & women in the Adult Choir, and all of our music groups are excited to welcome new members. There are pamphlets in the greeting area describing each group or contact me for more information. Hope you can join us! Chris Yule 478-0778 or e-mail: yulecmeinmusic@rochester.rr.com.





COMPANIONS IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, February 11
7:30pm in Room 1

All who have experienced the loss of a loved one through death are invited to attend. All are welcome!

DO YOU HAVE BOOTS YOU NO LONGER WEAR?

Mary's Place is in dire need of adult-sized winter boots. Could you help us collect winter boots for adult men and adult women and deliver them to Mary's Place or to Sacred Heart Cathedral's Narthex? We have many folks still trodding through the slush and drifts without adequate foot protection. You can help us keep their tootsies dry! Contact us at marysplace@frontier.com or call 278-0835.

ATTENTION ST. RITA PARISH SENIOR CITIZENS

YOU ARE INVITED TO A TEA!
Hosted by St. Rita School students

**Wednesday, February 3
from 10:00-11:30am
in the Parish Center**



Please join us for prayer, tea, cookies, entertainment and fun! Please RSVP – ASAP to 671-3132.

Monday, February 1 - Registration begins

Tuesday, February 2 - Come and Visit our School!
During school hours - 9:00am to 2:00pm - all are welcome to come and see our school in action or call 671-3132 to arrange a tour of St. Rita School.

Catholic Schools Week Family Liturgy **Wednesday, February 3 at 7:00pm** **All are welcome!!**

We have been richly blessed by our God and we have much in our school to celebrate this year. We also need to **CELEBRATE YOU**, our benefactors. Please join us!



ANNUAL PIE SALE **NEXT WEEKEND - after all Masses**

There will be a great assortment of flavors available for St. Rita Society's Annual Pie Sale. Pies are \$7.00 each. If anyone would like to donate a pie, we would be thrilled to have your donation. Just drop it off before Mass that weekend. This is Super Bowl Sunday weekend so pick up a pie to enjoy during the game! Proceeds will go toward parish projects.

ALL Women of our Parish are Invited!

ST. RITA SOCIETY COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 14
following the 9:00am Mass

Ladies please join us in Church for Mass at 9:00 then over to **Glendoveers** on Old Browncroft Road for a wonderful breakfast.

We are delighted to have Sr. Roberta Rodenhouse, RSM as our guest speaker. Cost is \$7.00 for members and \$10 for non-members. All are welcome! Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend and next and are also available at the parish office. **Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, February 9.** Questions? Please call Kathy Foster at 671-4347.

NOTE OF THANKS FROM HOLY TRINITY CHURCH **Christmas Angel Ornament Sale**

We are grateful to all those who supported this ministry. We sold 548 angels and our profit was \$2,184. Our **total** proceeds will be sent to our Orphans in Haiti. It is usually split between them and HOPE House, but our orphans have given much of their food, clothing and essentials to the victims of the quake. Our prayers are with this tiny country which has experienced such sorrow and destruction these past few weeks.



EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

Among the intentions for those who gather for the Eucharist this week will be

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010

7:00AM ELLENMARIE SMITH – Gertrude Provost
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010

9:15AM JOSEPH FRAN CZ, SR. – Family

7:00PM ST. RITA SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK LITURGY – All are welcome!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010

9:15AM JANE POSLUSNY – Peg & Ambrose Ryan

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2010

9:15AM JOSEPHINE TIBERIO – Carl & Ann Tiberio

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2010

5:00PM FRANK RINERE –
Daughter Michelle Bileschi & Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010

7:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. RITA PARISH
9:00AM JOSEPH BARTHOLOMEW –Kessler Family
10:30AM GERALD KUNZ – Kathleen Wahl

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**This week the Tabernacle Light
will burn in loving memory of
Joseph Francz**

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to over 868 households who have already responded with a gift or pledge (35% participation). The Appeal helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and yours, and then think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we can remain strong and able to do God's great work! St. Rita's share of the CMA goal for 2009-2010 is \$112,502. **Any shortfall is the responsibility of the parish. Every gift is needed and important!** You can make your gift at www.dor.org. Extra forms are in the back of church and may be placed in the collection or mailed directly to the Diocese. We thank you for your generosity!

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Did You Know? Our bulletin is available each week on-line at www.saintrita.org – check it out!

From the Desk of Drew Desmarais . . .

THE FRAGILENESS OF LIFE

As I watched the tragic scenes from the disaster in Haiti, I thought about how fragile life really is. In a few minutes, thousands of people who were going about their daily activities were suddenly immersed in the hell of a devastating earthquake. It certainly makes a person of faith stop and think about the sacredness of life and how we many times take this gift from God for granted.

I was recently reading a book by Robert Wicks entitled, "Prayerfulness: Awakening to the Fullness of Life." One of the quotes that stood out to me was, "For the life we have on this earth is precious and short. Prayerfulness leads us to remember this and honor life's fragility, to value what and who is really important in our lives in a more sensitive way."

It is difficult to comprehend the enormity of this tragedy in Haiti. It is so hard to wrap our heads around the suffering that we see in the pictures filling our living rooms. Aside from the financial contributions we make, it's frustrating that we can't do more to alleviate the Haitian suffering. Robert Wicks reminds all of us that prayer in these times can help us focus on the important issues in our life. Even though we can't always fix the tragedy around us, we can become more sensitive to the importance of God and people in our lives. Wicks notes, "Filled with desires and activities, we usually walk around in an envelope of thought. We are in the future, preoccupied with details, or captured in the past. In the process we miss the people and experiences around us until it is too late for us or for them. The important lesson is that prayerfulness is not captured once and for all but must be continually embraced."

The wisdom of Catholic spirituality focuses on the centrality of the Eucharist. To have a relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, we must embrace him continually. In this embrace, we discover the value of God, our family, prayer, and we renew our sensitivity to the fact that life is precious, awesome and very short. When words are inadequate in prayer, I usually turn to Joyce Rupp to help articulate the feeling of the moment. My prayer for the Haitian people is from Joyce Rupp: "Consoling God, be a source of Serenity for me when struggles and difficulties threaten to overwhelm me. Compassionate God; hold me to your heart when I feel helpless in the face of the world's pain. God of peace, you are the center of my life, a strong refuge of peace in the whirlwind of my pain. I look to you for strength and a constant assurance of hope.

Peace,

Drew

WPCC Health Ministry News!

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING: WHAT IS IT?

Advance Care Planning is a process of planning for future medical care in case you are unable to make your own decisions. It is a continual process and not merely a document or isolated event and will assist you in preparing for a sudden unexpected illness from which you expect to recover, as well as the dying process and ultimately death.

Advance Care Planning is a gift to you and your family and is important in assuring that your wishes are honored if you are unable to speak for yourself. Directives apply *only* when the need arises and you are unable to speak for yourself.

Information on Advance Care Planning and Health Care Proxy forms, including a Guide for Catholics, will be available once a month, at your Blood Pressure Screening the last weekend of each month. Please check upcoming bulletins for more information.

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Note of Thanks . . .

January, 2010
Dear Saint Rita Parishioners,

It is now a new year and the work continues. It was good to know you were able to help the La Casa project this Christmas. Thank you so much for the many gifts and for taking the time to wrap and get these special items delivered to La Casa. The knit items were awesome and were received with much joy.

The migrant farm worker has been able to find rest at this building. Some stay a few days and others stay longer, but regardless of the time they are so very grateful for the project. At this time the building is housing three men and one woman-Kirk, Nolen, Earnest and Adela. Each is struggling to make it through this season. They have worked on and off a few days but farm work is slow at this time. Most of the farm workers have left for the season, but few have stayed behind for various reasons. I hope La Casa can continue to provide some relief for this group. A large part of them are the new immigrant from south of the border, but they do come from all over the states and countries. Farm work cannot be done in another way. The farmer has changed but the farm work is the same. Some try to make it through the tough winter months and settle down where they can.

You have been so kind and have helped warm up some of these families with your kindness. I hope your receive abundantly at your table and have good health. Thank you so very kindly for taking the time to put La Casa in your prayers and bringing gifts for the needy.

Peter R. Mares,
Coordinator La Casa
Sodus, New York

**St. Rita's 4th Annual Senior High Retreat
the weekend of February 12-14**

We will be traveling by bus to:
The Salvation Army Camp at Long Point
100 Long Point Road
Penn Yan, NY 14527

This retreat is for all youth in grades 9-12. The cost is \$90.00 per person, \$150.00 for a family of two and \$210.00 for a family of three.

Please don't let finances stop you from attending this retreat – any questions call Mary Jo (youth minister) at the office at 671-1100 x18 or home at 671-4491.

Registration forms are available in the parish office or on line at www.saintrita.org. Please return the registration form and money back to Mary Jo ASAP.

**From the desk of Mary Jo DiNoto, Youth Minister
671-1100 ext. 18 or mdinoto@dor.org**



All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome! Check out our website at www.saintrita.org for more information and upcoming events.

Sunday, January 31 from 5:30-7:00pm
Combined Jr./Sr. High Youth Group will meet at the Youth Center. Anyone in grades 6-12 is most welcome!

Sunday, February 7 from 12:00-1:00pm
Jr. High Youth Group will meet at the Youth Center. Anyone in grades 6-8 is most welcome!

Sunday, February 7 from 1:30-3:00pm **
Sr. High Youth Group will meet at the Youth Center. Anyone in grades 9-12 is most welcome!



St. Rita's has a special blessing for expectant parents held on the first Sunday of each month. Our next **Expectant Parent Blessing** will take place during all of the Masses the weekend of February 6 & 7.

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We apologize for any inconvenience ~ All funerals are scheduled for 9:15am. This may mean having to move a Mass intention that had previously been scheduled for that time. We will make every effort to contact the person having the Mass offered to reschedule it. Thank you for your understanding.

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PRESENTING THE GIFTS AT MASS ~ If you are attending a Mass being celebrated for a loved one, please tell the ushers before Mass so that you may carry the gifts at the offertory. You and your family may also offer to do this at other times when you are present. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the ushers.



GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY MASS

**All Girl Scouts in St. Rita Parish
are invited to attend the
10:30am Mass on Sunday March 14**

Please meet in Room 1 by 10:10am wearing your Girl Scout uniform. Scouts will be seated together as a group. A reception for Scouts and their families will be held after Mass. Scouts in the parish who have completed the requirements for their religious emblem are asked to notify Pat Vargas (671-0434) by February 20 to be recognized during the Scout Mass. Scouts who have earned religious medals this year will be honored in a ceremony with Bishop Clark on Saturday, March 6th at 12 noon at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

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OLD BARN CAFÉ FEBRUARY SPECIALS
In the Parish Center

SERVING ON SUNDAYS 8:30-11:00am
Sharon Pucher & Jane Kunzog, Coordinators

We offer a "Special" each Sunday but we always have a traditional menu as well with items such as eggs (any way you like), bacon, sausage, pancakes, etc. So sit back, enjoy and let Breakfast Club serve you breakfast on Sunday mornings from September through May!

February 7 Dick Source and team will be setting up their **Omelets to Order** Station in the dining room. Select your ingredients! This will be served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.50.

February 14 Happy Valentine's Day! John O'Connor and team will offer **Waffles with a Topping Bar** served with your choice of bacon or sausage and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

February 21 They're Back! Sharon and Jane and Team 3 will feature their once a year special of **German Potato Pancakes** made with all fresh ingredients and cooked on site, served with bacon or sausage, homemade apple sauce and sour cream, plus a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.25.

February 28 Team 4 run by the Clemens Family will offer their delicious **Egg Bake** served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

Have a good week!
Jane

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ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS ~ If you are heading south this winter and wish to have parish mailings and/or your envelopes put "on hold" please call the parish office (671-1100) and let us know when you will be away.

Boy Scouting Celebrates Scout Sunday and Awards Religious Emblems to Scouts

In recent years, as the Catholic Church developed its apostolate to youth more. The program has consistently stressed the necessity of the spiritual life fully, it became known as youth ministry. Scouting is a significant part of this ministry and offers a tremendous potential for developing Christian leadership as well as a unique opportunity for young people to grow in faith. Boys involved in the Scouting experience have a real advantage in coming to know themselves and attaining skills that will give direction to their lives for youth and the importance of dependence on God.

Through the Religious Emblems program of the Catholic Committee on Scouting, a boy can learn how to put his faith and his Scouting together in an integrated learning experience. By working on the religious emblem for his age, a boy reinforces what he learns in the parish religious education program. Information on the Religious Emblems program will be on the Stewardship Center in the narthex during the month of February.

The following emblems were earned this year at St. Rita's chartered units (9 from Cub Scout Pack 163 and 2 from Boy Scout Troop 163). Each will be honored at a special Diocesan Recognition Ceremony at Sacred Heart Cathedral on March 6th. **Congratulations!**

Light of Christ

The Light of Christ emblem (grades 1 - 2) encourages Tiger Cubs and Wolf Cub Scouts to develop a personal relationship with Jesus. With active participation of the parent(s), the Scout comes to see Jesus as a real person and friend.

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| Justin Coumou | Joseph Alaimo |
| Simon Minich | Attilio DiFelice |
| Braden Merle | Alessandro DiGiorgio |
| Patrick Childs | Henry Stuhler |

Parvuli Dei

The Parvuli Dei emblem (grades 3 - 5) is designed to help Bear and Webelos Cub Scouts become more aware of God's presence in their daily lives, especially in their homes and communities. The program is performed with the assistance of the Scout's parent(s).

Tyler Rawlins

Pope Pius XII

Pope Pius XII (grades 9 - 12) is Catholic Scouting's church-related ministries and vocation program. The program deals with different life choices (single, married, religious, ordained), occupations and ministries in the church as calls from God. It includes youth led discussions on current issues facing the church and society, which are normally included as part of a Pius XII retreat or day of recollection.

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